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SUBJECT: REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE FOR PRC CITIZENS IN
OBTAINING EXIT PERMITS

1. DEPT RECEIVES HEAVY VOLUME OF LETTERS FROM US CITIZENS AND PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS (SOME FORWARDED BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS) ASKING DEPT TO INTERCEDE WITH PRC SO RELATIVES IN PRC MAY OBTAIN EXIT PERMITS IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY BE REUNITED WITH FAMILY MEMBERS IN US. DEPT HAS BEEN REPLYING THAT, MUCH AS THE HUMAN SITUATIONS DESCRIBED EVOKE OUR SYMPATHY, THE USG IS NOT IN A POSITION TO ASSIST PERSONS IN THE PRC WHO ARE NOT US CITIZENS IN OBTAINING EXIT PERMITS.

2. FOR HUMANITARIAN AND PUBLIC RELATIONS REASONS, DEPT IS NOW CONSIDERING ADDING TO ABOVE REPLY A STATEMENT THAT IF THE WRITER WISHES US TO, WE WILL HOWEVER FORWARD HIS OR HER LETTER (IN ORIGINAL VERSION OR REVISED AS THE WRITER MAY SEE FIT) TO THE PRC LIAISON OFFICE FOR ITS INFORMATION AND
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SUCH ACTION AS IT MAY THINK APPROPRIATE. WE HAVE IN MIND

TRANSMITTING THE LETTERS TO PRCLO UNDER COVER OF A LETTER FROM EA/PRCM STATING THAT THE LETTER IS BEING FORWARDED, AT THE WRITER'S REQUEST, FOR SUCH ACTION AS PRCLO MAY THINK APPROPRIATE, AND ASKING THAT ANY REPLY BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE WRITER.

3. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENT ON THIS PROPOSED PROCEDURE. IF YOU HAVE NO OBJECTION TO OUR ADOPTING IT, WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS ON HANDLING SIMILAR LETTERS YOU RECEIVE FROM PERSONS IN THE US?

4. FYI: DEPT HAS NOTED COMMENT CONTAINED USLO 717, PARAS 22, 23 AND 34.
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